RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP 2882**

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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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X-RAY DEVICE PROVIDED WITH A ROBOT ARM

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: BOX AF

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on June 6, 2002. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by June 6, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1, 3, and 5 and ADD new claims 11-20 in accordance with the following:

(AS TWICE AMENDED) An X-ray device provided with an X-ray source and an 1. X-ray detector which are mounted at different ends of a common holding device, the common holding device being connected to a room by way of a supporting device,

wherein the supporting device complises a plurality of hinged, serially interconnected supporting members, wherein the hinges confecting the supporting members are plane hinges,